

COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Webinar, March 11th Highlights

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News Update: Phase 1C Vaccination begins March 15

- Phase 1C will include those 50 and older. More information on the new 1C priority group is available at <https://www.dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/immunize/vaccine/EVAP-Phase1C.pdf>

Refresher: New Federal Directive for Educator Vaccination

- Those eligible for the vaccine include “those who work in pre-primary, primary, and secondary schools, as well as Head Start and Early Head Start programs (including teachers, staff, and bus drivers) and those who work as or for licensed child-care providers, including center-based and family care providers.”

Refresher: Clinical Considerations for the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine

- The Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine is supplied in a carton of 10 multi-dose vials. A maximum of 5 doses can be withdrawn from the multi-dose vial. ***Do not pool excess vaccine from multiple vials.***

Refresher: Adult Influenza Vaccine Initiative

- In Texas, influenza activity usually peaks in January or February, although the peak of influenza has happened as early as October and as late as March. DSHS would like to remind providers of the importance of flu immunizations, particularly in conjunction with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Vaccine Allocation & Ordering System (VAOS) Refreshers

- Coming soon: CDC Redistribution Forms needed for transfers in VAOS will now be able to be signed electronically. No more printing and scanning needed!

Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Resources \(training materials, videos\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- DSHS COVID-19 Vaccine Provider hotline: (877) 835-7750, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov

Session Live Q&A:

- Are we allowed to pull 6 doses from a vial of Janssen?
- Can we use a previously signed CDC Redistribution Agreement Transfer, or do we need to have a new one for each transfer?
- How can I update my provider enrollment to reflect that I have new storage capabilities?
- Can I cancel an allocation request?
- Are we able to request the type of vaccine we want to receive?
- How should we define dosage waste for the Pfizer vaccine?

